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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:
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☒ Utility Patent ☐ Design Patent ☐ Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
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- ☒ Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173 (c).
- ☐ Original U.S. Patent for surrender
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 - ☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO: Not Yet Assigned GROUP ART UNIT: 3721
FILED: June 15, 2001 DOCKET: 203-2058 CON RE (1673 CON RE)
FOR: DISPOSABLE LOADING
UNIT FOR SURGICAL STAPLER

DATED: June 15, 2001

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STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS OR INVALIDITY
OF ORIGINAL PATENT

Sir(s):

Patentees believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentees claiming less than the patentees had a right to claim in the patent. More specifically, patentees believe they inadvertently failed to claim or claimed too narrowly, novel features of the cutting member of the presently claimed disposable loading unit. Accordingly, this reissue application includes new claims which are of a scope to which patentees believe they are entitled reciting a disposable loading unit including, inter alia, a cutting member.

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